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BEGIN SUMMARY: REFTEL TALKS IN RIYADH OVER LAST FOUR
DAYS HAVE CONVINCED CHARGE OFNEED TO MOVE TO ODC STRUCTURE
IN NEAR FUTURE. EMBASSY SANA CONCERN IS, THEREFORE, TO KEEP
ODC AS LEAN AS POSSIBLE AND FOCUS ON GOOD MEN FOR THIS
DIFFICULT POST AND TASK. END SUMMARY.

1. WE SEE NO WAY TO MANAGE NEW SECURITY ASSISTANCE EFFORT,
HOWEVER LIMITED, WITH EXISTING ASSETS. IF IT WILL BE
IMPOSSIBLE TO AUGMENT USDAO SANA WE THEREFORE ACCEPT THE IDEA

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OF ODC. WE WOULD PROPOSE ESTABLISH NEW ORGANIZATION IMMEDIATELY
TO TEMPORARY BUDGET AND BEGIN PROCESS OF FILLING SLOTS.
ACTIVATION AND SHIFT OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE FUNCTIONS
FROM DAO MIGHT NEVERTHELESS TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS. WHEN THIS
OCCURS, WE BELIEVE MISSION PRIORITIES WOULD REQUIRE SHIFTS
ALL PERSONNEL PRESENTLY IN DAO'S OFFICE--04 ARMY OFFICER,
03 ARMY OFFICER, PLUS E6 ARMY ADMIN ASSISTANT--TO NEW ODC.

TWO OF THESE MEN HOWEVER WISH VERY MUCH TO RETURN ASAP TO DIA ATTACHE SYSTEM. SEPTTEL DISCUSSES FURTHER.

2. DAO WOULD TMEN BE SUPPORTED BY LOCAL HIRE AMERICAN SECRETARY FOR TYPING AND HANDLING CLASSIFIED MATERIAL, PLUS LOCAL HIRE DRIVER. UNCLASSIFIED MATERIAL WOULD BE HANDLED EITHER ON EMBASSY POOL BASIS OR BY LOCAL HIRE ALREADY MENTIONED. CINCEUR AND OTHER ADDRESSEES SHOULD NOTE THAT DAO'S OFFICE DOES NOT AT PRESENT CONTAIN DAC OR LWR.

3. PRIOR TO ODC ACTIVATION, DAO OFFICE COULD WITH TDY SUPPORT OF ONE AIR FORCE OFFICE AND ONE OTHER ARMY OFFICER, HANDLE PREDICTED LOAD OF TRAINING TEAMS FOR NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS.

4. CHIEF OF ODC NEED NOT RPT NOT BE 06 IN RANK. HIGHEST RANK IN YAR ARMY IS 05. THERE ARE NO RPT NO 06'S YAR PRESIDENT IS LT. COLONEL. WE PUT MUCH LESS EMPHASIS ON RANK THAN WE DO ON EXPERIENCE WITH SECURITY ASSISTANCE, KNOWLEDGE OF ARABIC, AND MATURITY AND SENSITIVITY OF OFFICER WHO MUST CARRY OUT HIS PART IN DIFFICULT THREE-SIDED PROGRAM.

5. WE WOULD INSIST THAT CHIEF OF ODC SERVE AS ACTION OFFICER ON SOME PROJECTS RATHER THAN SIMPLY DIRECT AFFAIRS OF OTHERS. THIS IS IMPORTANT IF WE ARE GOING TO KEEP THIS ORGANIZATION LEAN.

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6. BY USING TDY PERSONNEL IN DATT OFFICE AND POSTPONING ACTIVATION (IF NOT APPROVAL) OF ODC FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, WE BELIEVE WE CAN HANDLE EMBASSY SUPPORT PROBLEMS MORE EASILY. RENTING HOUSES AND PROVIDING THEM WITH FURNITURE IS NOT EASY IN YEMEN. WHILE 10 SLOTS HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED IN CINCEUR CABLE FOR NEW ODC, WE SEE NO NEED AT MOMENT FOR NAVY OFFICER AND DO NOT RPT NOT WANT HIM TO COME BEFORE US ROLE IN NAVY PROGRAM IS CLEAR. HAVE NO OBJECTION TO TWO DAC'S AND TWO LWR'S AS LONG AS IT IS UNDERSTOOD WE WILL NOT EMPLOY ALL THESE PEOPLE UNTIL WORKLOAD ABSOLUTELY REQUIRES IT.
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